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Average daily distribution 72,573 And said W. B. Carr further says that he number of copies returned or reported model during the month of July was &&

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WORLD'S-1903-FAIR

OBSTRUCTIONISTS.

St. Louis is not so "easy" as the com-bine in the House of Delegates thinks. No one believes the silly protestations regarding its solicitude for the interestr

It is not for the public welfare that every measure looking toward the bet-terment of St. Louis is held up in the House of Delegates. Calling for reports, tacking of amendments upon bills passed by the Council, pigeon-holing of measures and fruitless explanations do not hide the fact that the public inter-

Let there be no mistaking the facts. The combine is not working for the mbers are the first consideration Mayor Wells, heads of departments and the Council are being opposed at every turn by the combine. It is a plain case of "hold up" which cannot be made to look like anything else.

ANOTHER SCANDAL.

New York pretends to be astounded at the latest revelations in the war against vice in that city. There has been an other shaking of dry bones. Confessions have been made that seem to fasten the fact of collusion between gamblers and the police.

At this early day it is difficult to fore cast the final result of the disclosures The general public knows what the effect should be. It should mean a complete probing of the scandal. The man tainted with the least suspicion should be dropped from the rolls without any

Probably nothing of the sort will oc-York have a way of causing incom renience, but nothing more. The boolms will still run. The city will afford the same old attractions for the vicious A Committee of Fifteen must be backed up by an active public sentiment. Until that is secured, raids will have no effect. Disclosures will do little good. entire population of New York ds regenerating. They get just as good government as they deserve and want. When the people who live on the island learn to believe in suppressing gambling-rooms and dis s the police will stop using the letter of the law as a chub for blackmail.

EFFECTIVELY ANSWERED.

It is a serious mistake on the part of reply has been made to its charges of oting of the State School Fund and of crookedness in the management of the State's finances.

the State's finances.
Such eminent Republican legislators as Bittinger, Pettijohn, Tubbe, Tatum and Judge Spencer have themselves answered the Globe's charge of the looting

They did so by approving the pres policy of investing the fund in State in this country. His executive ability, certificates of indebtedness. They had a majority in the House at Jefferson City made the operations of Gomes possible.

form of School Fund Investment.
Such eminent Republican legislators as
Truman A. Post, James C. McGinnia, Henry Smith, William H. Miller, Samuel G. Kelly, James T. Moore, J. E. Swanger, W. H. Ordneal, R. N. Miller seph B. Lindsay have themsel and the Globe's charges of cre

They did so by te, tifying over their signatures that they had examined the books of Missouri and found overything ness in Cuban politics. As Palma point-correct and satisfactory. Their testimo-

ny to this effect covers the entire period during which the Democrats have been he can depend for support. There are

n control in Missouri. The Globe knows the bunko nature of its own "bluff game" in thus clamoring for "a reply" to its charges. The reply comes from Republican lips. It came, also, from the proper Democratic source when Governor Dockery invited the Globe to inspect the State's books. There is nothing more to be said in answer to the Globe, unless that astounding organ shall prefer specific charges and furnish evidence in support demanding the serious attention of sensi-

PLAIN DEMOCRACY.

In the presidential campaign of 1904 the Democratic party, it now seems likely, will be found organized, neither reorganized nor disorganized, on a sound Democratic basis, and fully equipped for victory in the cause of the people.

The repudiation of American principles so distinctly made within the past three years by the Republican party leaves the Democratic party alone representative of the principles upon which the American Government was established.

Trustism, imperialism, a colonial policy modeled almost identically upon that of Great Britain, a confessed determination to put into effect the Hamilton theory of a strongly centralized Federal Government, a denial of the rights of the people in order that a privileged caste may be made richer as the people become poorer, are the things for which present-day Republicanism stands, The menace of these things must be removed by the removal of the Republican party from power.

The Democratic national organization does not need to make a bid for the support of any outside party or element of population. It needs only to maintain a Democratic allegiance to the fundamental truths of Democracy.

These truths demand the restricting of the trust evil, the forbidding of the government of aliens by force against the consent of the governed, faithful observance of the American principle of "equal rights to all, special privileges to none," and a national government that shall not in effect be a Federal Monarchy on the Hamilton basis.

The demand for the suppression of these evil tendencies now so apparent in Republican policies must be met for the people's sake. The Democratic party will take its rightful place as the party of the people.

There has never been a plainer duty before American Democracy. There has never been a greater promise of Democratic victory in behalf of the common people. All that is necessary for victory is that the Democratic party shall obey the popular demand in nomineer and declarations of principle.

ABSURD ANANIAS.

In trying to convince the people that there has been all sorts of crookednes in the management of the State's finances, the Globe-Democrat does not apparently mind being both absurd and untruthful.

In a recent editorial paragraph it says: "The biennial legislative Auditing Committee, over which Governor Dockery and The Republic make so much ado, merely checks up transactions between the Tressurer and Auditor. They get but a glimpse of the State's accounts, and limit their perfunctory comparison

to a period of two years." The briefest "glimpse" of the State's accounts ever taken by one of these Legislative Auditing Committees in Mis-His few spe ed fust forty-seven days of the time for which the legislators on that committee were paid by the people. The "glimpse" obtained by the Auditing Committee that reported "all's well" to the Thirty-ninth General Assembly of Missouri was a "glimpse" of 165 days. The Republican memb each Auditing Committee testified that

delay is needed. of, not "glimpses" at, the State's books showed that the State's finances were honestly handled. Inasmuch as an Auditing Committee must necessarily be appointed by each

Legislature which meets at Jefferson City every two years, it is natural that these committees should limit their investigation to a period of two years Each preceding period of two years has been covered by a preceding Auditing Committee. The absurdity of this phase of the Globe's argument is apparent at first sight. And why, save through pure malice, should the Globe describe as trip to the West is the opportunity that perfunctory comparisons" these bien-

lasted forty-seven days, the longest 165 days, and the most recent of all, that during the Forty-first General Assem bly, 103 days? The Globe-Democrat should pull itself together. Its unique combination of absurdity and mendacity is amusing, but

nial investigations, the briefest of which

not convincing. Persisted in, it will be sheer loose-moraled stupidity, which is unforgivable.

HAIR SPLITTING.

It is unfortunate that both General Gomes and Senor Palma refuse to accept the presidency of Cuba. Though the position has not been offered formally to them, there is little doubt that either of them could be chosen by a sub-

stantial majority. Gomes thinks that he has done the full measure of his duty by throwing the Spanish yoke off the island. His has been the name with which to conjure Through discouragements that would have overwhelmed a less hopeful nature, he was spared to see his work crowned in a fitting manner by the aid

of the United States. Palma, working in a different dire tion, ably seconded the efforts of the General. While in charge of the Cuban Junta in New York City he made friends made the operations of Gomes possib His work was along civilian lines.

Palma would, perhaps, make the be ter first President of the Cuban Reput lic. He has the administrative ability. Gomes is older and feebler. His life has been spent in the field. He has hardly known the day when he was not deep in some rebellion or plot whereby his land might be freed. Yet he has the confierage, he could much as Palma.

at present seven parties striving for the mastery. The differences between the factions are trifling in some instances. Yet, with the animus of personal aggrandizement, each division clings to its party banner with a tenacity that only the strongest hand will be able to direct

for public uses. Something is needed to crystallize sentiment in such a way that at least one party will be able to command the legislative branch of the new Government. Until that is done, Cuba will have rough

WITH US.

Some of the Eastern papers are beginning to grasp the real scope of the Louisiana Purchase celebration. It seems strange that they did not appreciate the vastness of the undertaking

They are making ample reparation by a general support and encourages that augur well for the enterprise. It is difficult to pick up an Eastern paper of importance without finding mention of the coming World's Fair.

It has not been so long ago when doubts were expressed of the ability of St. Louis to get ready in time to open the Exposition May 1, 1903. One or two papers thought the idea preposterous. They pointed out that no previous World's Fair had been prepared in such a short time. They seemed unable to properly estimate the executive ability of the men engaged in forwarding the

That day has passed. The wonderful progress that has been made during the last few months has demonstrated to the world the ability of St. Louis to carry out its contract with the public. When the promise was given that the best World's Fair ever held would be opened on the announced date, St. Louis did not underestimate the full measure of labor that would be required.

The favorable editorials in every paper are evidence that the Fair will be considered a national and not a local enterprise. Every step of progress is being watched. The East as well as the West is becoming acquainted with the minute details. It is an omen of sucress. St. Louis invites a careful scru-

GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM.

Mr. Loomis Hoyt Holmes of Springfield, Mo., who refuses to accept \$6,000 beggeathed to him on condition that he change his name to Louis David Frisbie, is the sort of man one likes to shake hands with.

It is this young and independent American's idea that, inasmuch as he was born a Holmes, it will better suit him to remain a Holmes to the close of the chapter.

It is also the view taken by his delightful mother. She is proud that he will not sell his name for \$6,000. And his young wife—well, she's just a daisy. "I married a Holmes," she says; "and I don't propose to have a husband named Frisble!"

These Holmses are the right sort of people. Their strong disinclination to take up with another name, letting their real one disappear, like a second-rate actor or cheap-screw opera singer, is good proof of the fact. To the right sort of people, their family name is part of themselves. And they don't sell themselves for \$6,000 or for any other sum

put him on too intimate terms with the boodoo brand of Republicans

There must be another hard diplomatic nut to crack in China. Li Hung Chang has called in the services of the physicians. That usually means that a little

There are now 85,441 members of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America. This is one of the signs of the times that makes for a better morality. It is presumed that the Workingmen's

Protective Association will take another turn at "innocuous desuctude," now that its injunction suit has been defeated. If Wicked Fairy Hanna has his way,

Rough Rider Roosevelt's presidentia high-horse will change into a busted broncho with the blind staggers. Not the least effect of Roosevelt'

it has given imaginative space men to pay their last month's bills Train robbers who attempt operations along the line of the M., K. & T. Rail-

road are caught too quickly to get much of a run for their money. Missourians have a natural antipathy for a man who does not make his bluff

good. The Globe-Democrat thus helps to defeat its own party. Competent Republican testimony con-victs the Globe-Democrat of malicious slander in the matter of the School Fund

Ohio's Attorney General will file suit against the Steel Trust. Of course, the approaching election has nothing to do

It all depends on which way the words are placed. King Corn is a great ical more reliable ruler than a Chicago Corn King.

That "yaller dog majority" is distaste ful to the Globe-Democrat because it refuses to lend its comfort to the ficedog party.

It is reported that "Corn King" Phillips will dun his delinquent custo They probably claim that they are done with him. Let's hope that the Sampson-Schley naval court verdict will be that there

was glory enough for all in the Santiago Every permanent building left by the World's Fair means additional beauty and attractiveness in Forest Park.

Although issued by friars, that Philip-ine circular attacking the Tart Comon seems to be a roast.

Mrs. Allien has not improved her putation by consenting to talk about

FUNK-CLARKSON ENGAGEMENT SURPRISES ST. LOUISANS.

St. Louis Girl Will Be Married September 4 to Lawrence Harper Funk of Bloomington, Ill., at Louisville, Ky.-Miss Bessie A. · Culp Is Married to Harry Bennett-Notes and Personals.



MISS GRACE CLARKSON, Who will be married to Mr. Lawrence Parker Funk of Bloomington, Ill., on

The news, which Miss Clarkson has care-fully guarded from even her most intimate friends, managed to leak out in Bloomingtriends, managed to leak out in Biodining-ton a day ago through the agency of sev-eral mischievous young men friends of the prospective bridegroom, to whom he con-fided the news of his betrothal, inviting them at the same time to officiate in the capacity of groomsmen on the wedding date, which has been set for September 4. The groomsmen were pledged to silence.

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The groomsmen were pledged to silence, but, contrary to all precedent, were completely outdone in the matter of keeping the secret by the bridesmaids, who, as far as known, have carefully abstained from so much as a whisper of the interesting news. The bridal party is to be unusually large, with fourteen men and maids, besides the bride and bridegroom, and will be quite an interstate affair, since Kentucky, Illinois and Missouri are to have full representation. sentation.

There is no better known young woma in St. Louis society than Miss Clarkson, who is the youngest daughter of James Livingston Clarkson, and a sister of W. Palmer Clarkson and Russell Clarkson. She has been a belle in the fullest acceptation of the term; and for the last three or four years has had more devoted attentions from Governor Shaw of Iowa will have some trouble with his presidential boom.
His few speeches in Missouri last fall put him on too latingst found in the same on the latingst found in the same one of more than a few merry house parties is

she equally admired.

Her engagement is the result of an acquaintance formed at one of Mrs. Jacob Van Blarcom's famous Saturday night hops, which flourished for three seasons. hops, which flourished for three seasons.

Mrs. De Mange, who is a cousin of Mrs.

Van Blarcom, came over for a visit at the
Westmoreland place residence of the Van
Blarcoms, and at one of the dances met
Miss Clarkson. Greatly taken with the St.

Louis girl's beauty and charm of manner.

Mrs. De Mange, who is a woman of much
social prominence in her city, invited her to
make one of a house party in Bloomington
the following holiday week, telling her that
she would like to have her lead a cotilion
with a certain Mr. Funk, in whom Bloomington society felt considerable pride. Miss
Clarkson accepted the invitation, led the
cotilion with Mr. Funk, and has remained
firmly established in his affections ever
since.

Last winter, shortly after Mrs. Clarkson death, Miss Clarkson went to Denver, where she has another married sister. She was soon followed by the Bloomington gentle-man, who spent several months there, their ent resulting.

engagement resulting.

The wedding plans were made for a much later date than September 4. Indeed, the bridemaids, who have been summering at various resorts, were highly indignant to be summoned home in order to serve, as they were quite prepared for a late autumn event, and had made no preparations whatevent, and made no preparations what-ever for their gowns and wedding furba-lows. There will be no one singled out for special prominence as maid of honor, but instead seven bridesmaids, who are Miss Helen Funk of Bloomington, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Caroline Newman of St. Louis, who is now buying finery in Chicago Louis, who is now buying finery in Chicago prior to the wedding: Miss Josephine Thrailkill and Miss May Allen, both of St. Louis; Miss Julia Hodge of Bloomington.

Great surprise was occasioned among such members of the smart set as happen to be at home by the announcement of sett arrived last night, and will go with the Miss Grace Clarkson's engagement and apprint of the Miss Louise Stacy of Richmond, Va., and Miss Marie Eassett of Paris, Mo. Miss Bassian and Miss Grace Clarkson's engagement and apprint of the Miss Louise Stacy of Richmond, Va., and Miss Marie Eassett of Paris, Mo. Miss Bassian and Miss Grace Clarkson's engagement and apprint of the Miss Marie Eassett of Paris, Mo. Miss Bassian and Miss Grace Clarkson's engagement and apprint of the Miss Marie Eassett of Paris, Mo. Miss Bassian and Miss Grace Clarkson's engagement and apprint of the Miss Grace Clarkson's engagement and apprint of the Miss Marie Eassett of Paris, Mo. Miss Bassian and Miss Grace Clarkson's engagement and apprint of the Miss Grace Clarkson's engagement and the Miss Grace Clarkson's engage proaching marriage to Lawrence Harper the wedding is to take place at the house of Miss Clarkson's sister, Mrs. Augustine and wealthlest young men.

of Miss Clarkson's sister, Mrs. Augustine Ewing McBee.

The groomsmen are Julius Funk and Will Evans of Bloomington; Carl Palmer of Danville, Ill.; Louis Eidy of Chicago; Wal-ter McBee of Louisville, Ky.; James Mor-ris of Farmington, Mo., and the bride's brother, Russell Clarkson of St. Louis and Cards for the wedding will be sent out this week. There will be a large number of

guests present at the ceremony, many go-ing over from St. Louis; with a reception to follow. The couple will live in Blooming-Mr. Funk is expected to-day to visit his innees; and it was their intention not to dis-lose the fact of the engagement until his

Miss Bessie A. Culp, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Culp, and Mr. Harry Bennett, of St. Louis, son of the late B. K. Bennett, were married last evening at the home of the bride's parents, No. 448 Page boulevard, the Reverend Doctor Sharp officiating.

omelating.

The parlor was decorated in pale and pink flowers; and the bride's sister, Miss Adn Clup, played the wedding march. There were no bridesmaids nor groomsmen.

The bride wore white Paris muslin, Valenciennes lace, and white satin ribbons, with a bouquet of white roses fringed with maidenhair fern, and dispensed with a vell.

After the ceremony and subsequent congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett went directly to their own home at No. 1285 Euclid avenue. They will take an Eastern trib

early in the fall. Joseph A. Aal departed last Saturday Northern lakes, not to return until late

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Heckelmann of the South Side, celebrated their golden wedd on Monday evening by a reception friends.

Mr. J. A. Long, Jr., of No. 436 Morgan street, is summering at Grand Haven, N Miss Helen B. Goldsmith and her father, Mr. D. Gensburger of Memphis, Tenn., who have been touring the West, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Mandel, No. 4310 Cook av-

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Augustine and family and Miss Bertha Wegener have gone to Petoskey and Mackinac. Doctor E. Chancellor returned yesterday

from a fortnight's visit in the East Mrs. P. J. O'Brein and children, will not

return until the middle of September from their visit to Alpine Heights. Miss Bessie Davis and Miss Margaret ohns have returned after a visit in the

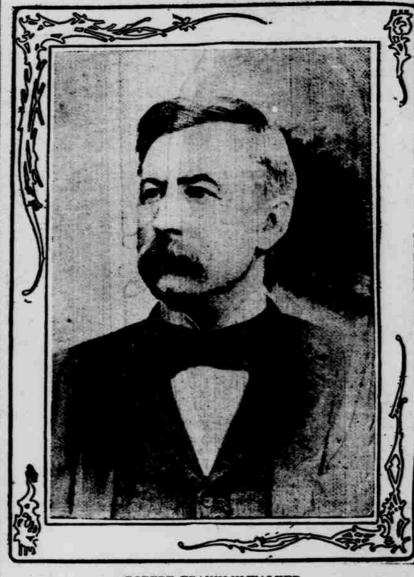
Miss Lillian Malone and Will P. Klapp were married on Tuesday in Mayfield, Ky., where the bride has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffith for several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Klapp departed immediately after the ceremony for a lengthy Eastern trip.

Misses Maria Desmond, No. 4290 Pag-boulevard, and Kate Mullen, No. 3619 Evans avenue, departed last night on the steamer City of Quincy for St. Paul and the North-ern lakes, to be absent one month.



MR. AND MRS. HARRY BENNETT.

SUPREME COURT CANDIDATES.



ROBERT FRANKLIN WALKER. Of St. Louis, former Attorney General of Missouri, mentioned a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court. ed by his friends as

The friends of R. F. Walker in various localities in the State are urging the candidacy of that gentieman for Judge of the Missouri Supreme Court. Mr. Walker has not announced himself as a candidate, but is naturally gratified to know that his friends hold him in such high attention.

but is naturally gratified to know that his friends hold him in such high esteem.
"I am not at all putting myself forward for the office," said Mr. Walker when asked if he was a candidate, "but I do not hestate to say that it would please me greatly to be honored with the nomination. The Supreme bench is a position of honor and dignity worthy of the ambition of any man, and I frankly admit that I am sufficiently ambitions to have a bigh appropriation of the

tion he held until 1861. He was Amistant Attorney General of Missouri under Banton Gorman Boone from 1865 until 1898, and was Attorney General of the State from 1898 to 1887. Retiring from the office of Attorney General, he engaged in the civil practice in St. Louis. Soon after locating in St. Louis he attracted the attention of leading business men of the city, and particularly members of the Merchanty Exphanses by to be honored with the nomination. The Supreme bench is a position of honor and dignity worthy of the ambition of any man, and I frankly admit that I am sufficiently ambitious to have a high appreciation of the position."

Mr. Walker is one of the most active and successful civil lawyers in the State, and he is a man of sterling integrity. He was born in Versailles, Morgan County, Mo., November 29, 1830. He was gradauted from the University of Missouri in 1872 and from the University of Missouri in 1872 and from the Missouri Law School in 1874. That year he engaged in the practice of law at Ver-

CHAUTAUQUA CLOSES TO-DAY. Special Programme for the Final

Session—Yesterday's Exercises. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Chautauqua, Ift., Aug. 14.—Congressman J. H. Littlefield of New York, was again the principal lecturer to-day at the Plasa Chautauqua, his subject this afternoon being 'Orators and Oratory.' In the morning in-teresting sessions were held of the various Chautauqua schools and classes. Preceding the lecture this afternoon by Congressman Littlefield, a short concert was given by the Arion Ladles' Quartet of Chicago, as-sisted by Mrs. Wilds Stutzman, reader, of Athens, Ill. Both the Arions and Mrs. Stutzman were frequently encounty.

Arion disted by Mrs. White Ariemored, Mrs. Athens, Ill. Both the Ariemored, Stutzman were frequently encored, Stutzman's heavy readings being particularity good.

This evening a stereoption lecture was given in the Tabernacle on "The Chautauqua Idea in Picture and Story." The lecture was given by Frank A. Cattern, who is the director of the Bureau of Extension is the director of the Bureau of Extension in the International Chautauqua Al-

Work of the International Chautagus illance.

To-morrow will be the closing day, and will be observed as Music Day. During the day two special music programmes will be given, in addition to the other features, under the direction of Professor M. Edwin Johnson, director of music in the East St. Louis public schools.

Among the arrivals at the Place Spring Hotel to-day were:

Henry T. Rainey, Carrollton, Ill.; Charles R. Gray, Chicago; Miss Hattle Buckler, Virden, Ill.; F. T. Perguson, Alton; Professor Glossup, Brighton, Ill.; George Dougherty, Otterville, Ill.; Miss Teresa Wyckoff,

or Glossup, Brighton, Ill.; George Dougherty, Otterville, Ill.; Miss Teresa Wyckoff, Jerseyville, Ill.; Miss Eltzabeth Van Home, Chicago; E. C. Hoogen, Alton; Miss Annie Evans, St. Louis; Miss Grace Evans, St. Louis; G. P. Cheney, Jerseyville; Miss Elma Duffield, Jerseyville; Miss M. C. Heaton, Denver, Colo.

NEGROES' TRIBUTE TO TANNER. Eighth Battalion Holds Memorial Services at Governor's Grave.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Springfield, Ill., Aug. 14.-Assembled in drole about the grave in Oak Ridge Ceme tery, where lies the body of Former Governor John R. Tanner, the Eighth Bat talion, negro troops of Chicago, held me-morial exercises at 2 o'clock this afternoon and paid high tribute to one of the Gov-

moran exercises at 30 clock this afternoon and paid high tribute to one of the Governors who sent a regiment, officers and men of negro troops to the front in the Spanish-American War.

Hundreds of citizens, friends of the dead man and his family, assembled around the resting place with the negro troops, and witnessed the ceremony. Colonel J. Mack Tanner and wife, Mrs. Tanner, the widow of the deceased, and her niece, Miss Cricket Buck, occupied seats near the grave during the exercises.

The sulogy was pronounced by Allen A. Wesley, late Major and Surgeon of the Eighth Regiment. He paid high tributes to the former Commander-in-Chief.

Floral tributes were placed upon the little mound, while the band played "Flee as a Bird," and the bugles sounded taps.

Mrs. Tanner then invited the officers of the Eighth Battalion and of the Fourth Regiment to call upon her at the English residence, and at 4 o'clock the officers of both commands called and paid their respects.

WILL ADOPT OIL AS FUEL.

Texas Cotton-Seed Crushers Have Been Investigating Its Merits.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 14.—The Texas Cotton Seed Crushers' Association heid an all-day cession here to-day with nearly 100 members present and \$6,000,000 capital reprebers present and \$6,000,000 capital repre-sented, President W. D. Kyser of Marlin and Secretary Robert Gibson of Dallas gave the association much information on the paramount issue of the day—the fuel-pil

paramount issue of the day—the fuel-pli problem.

The association debated the furl question in all its bearings and listened to a report from a special committee appointed several months ago to make a general investigation and also to bring the matter of freight rates on fuel oil before the State Railway Commission.

The consideration of the question developed the fact that oil will be generally adopted as the principal fuel in the cotton-seed oil industry of Texas. While freight rates recently established by the State Railway Commission are not all that the crushers desired, still the relief is admitted to have been very material. The committee was continued and instructed to exert its efforts for further fuel and freight bonefits. The association adjourned to-night, Another meeting will probably be held before the end of the current year.

PHILLIP CLARK ENGAGED.

Former St. Louisan Will Wed Miss Greta Pomeroy of Newport, R. L.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Newport, R. I., Aug. M.—Formal design nouncement has been made here of the engagement of Miss Greta Pomeroy, a daughter of Mrs. Charles C. Pomeroy, to Mr. Phillip Clark, formerly of St. Louis, but now of New York. The announcement was not altogether a surprise here, as the engagement has been rumored from time to time in New York.

Miss Pomeroy is an accomplished horse-

Miss Pomeroy is an accomplished borso-woman and rides to the hunt often at ce is also a hunter of player. He was educated i was a classmate of the Mackay, Jr.
Miss Pomeroy acted in the triple of the state of

Miss Pomeroy acted in the private the-atricals given by Mr. and Mrn. George Jay Gould at Georgian Court a year ago last December. No date has been set for the

TO PROTECT POLICY HOLDERS. Illinois Insurance Commission Asks for More Stringent Laws.

Springfield. Ill., Aug. 14.—The after text of that part of the insurance report of the State, dealing with life carmalty and insurance companies, assessment associations and fraternal societies, was issued to-day. The important freature of the report is a demand for more stringent laws regarding the fraternal insurance societies of the State, in which over \$80.00 citizens of the State are insured. In this control tion, the report says:

The State has by statute required these materies to report amountly their condition and transcattles to report amountly their condition and transcations to the department, and has emacked see tain regulations for the document of accounts of the fraternament of supervision as a looks to the ability of the society to faiffill its obligations in the fature. There is not even a text of present solveney established.

established.

There is urgent need of a complete of the law pertaining to the meleties allines already entered upon by a number so that their affairs shall be put upon business basis, the prompt payment of it quired and the interest of their member ent and future, better protected.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEET. Southwestern Illinois Association

. Holds Its Annual Reunion. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Murphysboro, Ill., Aug. 14.—The first day's meeting of the reunion of the Soldiers and Sallors' Association of Southwestern Illinois began at Logan's Park to-day. Mayor Phillip Elsenmeyer made the address of welcome and P. S. Noble, commander G. A. R., responded. State Commander W. B. Thistiswood, Governor Richard Tates, Speaker Sherman and others will address the crowd during the session. Over a thousand visitors arrived this morning, and indications are that the attendance will be very large.

INSURANCE COMPANIES' SUIT. Will Test a Law Requiring Them to Pay a Certain Tax.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 14.—A big suit was filed in the Sangamon Circuit Court this morning by fifty-two foreign life insurance companies against Former Superintendent of Insurance Van Cleave, to determine just what the insurance tax law means. The case has been on trial several times and has been carried to the Supreme Court, where, at the last term, it was remanded for a new trial. The companies object to paying a 2 per cent gross tax on canceled and returned policies, which the insurance despartment claims under the law.

WAR OVER "DON CAESAR." Mr. Hackett Denies That He Has

Changed His Dates. New York, Aug. 14.—James K. Hachas issued a statement denying publi reports that he would open his seaso New York in "Don Caesar's Return, an earlier date than announced, in ret tion upon Mr. Prohiman for arranging production of a "Don Caesar" play, to Mr. Hackett agenting.

Mr. Hackett mays that the original of September 3 for the opening of his mon will be adhered to.